

Penalty Notices

1. Overview last 4 academic years:

Academic Year	Number of Referrals Received	Number of PNs issued			Number paid	Number referred to Court cases
		LOA	ATT	Total		
2019-20	121	91	13	104	66	0 - all W/D due to court closures.
2020-21	45	11	24	35	26	3
2021-22	124	100	14	114	73	5
2022-23	120	112	0	112	10	New academic year

LOA = Leave of Absence

ATT = Attendance

2. From working in partnership with schools, we know that term time leave of absence is a recurring concern for many Enfield schools. In conversations with schools we are led to believe that White Eastern European are the group that are more likely to take unauthorised leave of absence during term time than any other ethnic group. However, we have not been able to analyse the data sufficiently to confirm this as we do not have a full information in relation to ethnicity.
3. Last academic year 2021/22, The referral form was redesigned, it provides points of clarity, is easier for schools to complete (than the previous version) and requests all the information EWS require. Of the 120 Referrals made in the first 4 weeks of September 2022 only 6 were missing the student ethnicity, these are recorded as unknown.
4. Analysis of 120 referrals made showed the following;
 - All referrals received were for leave of absence; the majority for students leaving a minimum of 5 school days before the end of summer 22, or, students not returning until a minimum of 5 school days after the start of academic year 22/23. There are a few students who left before the end of last academic and did not return at the start of this academic year. There are 2 students (1 family) who returned at the start of the academic year, then had leave of absence from 12/09/2022.
 - White Eastern European are the largest group; 49 referrals were made by for 23 families from 10 schools. 6 academies (2 secondaries, 6 primary) and 2 maintained primary.

- Turkish (28 referrals) and Turkish Cypriot (6 referrals) are the second largest group; 34 referrals were made for 19 families by 6 schools. 5 academies (1 secondary, 4 primary) and 1 maintained primary.
- No other ethnic groups had large numbers of students. There are 9 other ethnic groups with student numbers ranging from 1 to 6, many with siblings. For example, 6 referrals made stated Bangladeshi as ethnicity, this consisted of 4 families (2 with 2 children each).
- A total of 13 schools have made referrals for the issue of penalty notices, with more schools expected to submit requests before the October half term break.